

QUIDEL CORP /DE/
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PAIZ MARK

(Last) (First) (Middle)
10165 MCKELLAR COURT

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121-4201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
QUIDEL CORP /DE/ [QDEL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/21/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/21/2006		A	V A	Amount 27,000 Price \$ 0.01	A	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 12.23	03/21/2006		A	6,295	(1) 03/21/2016	Common Stock	6,295
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 12.23	03/21/2006		A	10,205	(2) 03/21/2016	Common Stock	10,205

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PAIZ MARK 10165 MCKELLAR COURT SAN DIEGO, CA 92121-4201			Chief Operating Officer	

Signatures

Paul E. Landers, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark Paiz
 Date: 03/23/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 1,138 shares will fully vest by 12/21/2008; 4,125 shares will fully vest by 12/21/2009; and 1,032 shares will fully vest by 03/21/2010.
- (2) 4,125 shares will vest on the first anniversary of the grant date, 03/21/2007. 3,093 shares will vest on December 21, 2007 and 2,987 shares will be fully vested on 12/21/2008.

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